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Dear Dr. Del Valle:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Audit Report of the Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) May 7 – 24, 2001 audit of Mexico's meat and processed poultry inspection system. We understand that the Government of Mexico elected not to provide comments to the Draft Final report of the same audit.

We appreciate SAGARPA's commitment to correct the deficiencies identified by the FSIS auditors and provide assurance to FSIS that the Mexican establishments producing product for export the United States meet U.S. import requirements. If you have any questions regarding the Final audit report, please contact me at telephone number (202-720-3781), facsimile number (202-690-4040), or email address (sally.stratmoen@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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